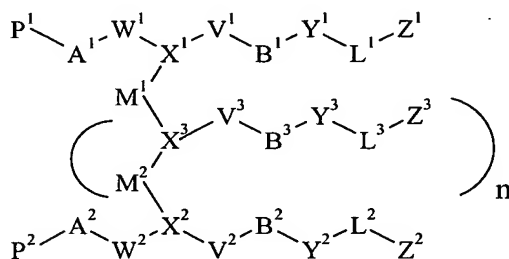


Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 10 and ending at page 3, line 5 with the following new paragraph.

Thus, the present invention provides a compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein

- P¹ and P² independently represent a polymer residue;
- Z¹, Z² and Z³ independently represent the residue of a biologically active moiety;
- X¹, X² and X³ independently represent CR¹ or N;
- A¹ and A² independently represent -CONH-, -NHCO-, -OC(O)N(R²)-, -N(R²)C(O)O- or -NHCONH-;
- B¹, B² and B³ independently represent -CONH- or -CO-;
- V¹, ~~and~~ V² and V³ independently represent a covalent bond or -(CH₂)_v-;
- W¹ and W² independently represent a covalent bond or -(CH₂)_w-;
- Y¹, Y² and Y³ independently represent -(CH₂)_y-;
- L¹, L² and L³ independently represent a spacer group;
- M¹ and M² independently represent a covalent bond or -(CH₂)_m-;
- R¹ represents hydrogen or C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- R² represents hydrogen or C₁₋₄ alkyl;
- n is zero, 1 or 2;
- v is 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- w is 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- y is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; and

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m is 1, 2 or 3.